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Main Bathing Beach

1. Kiev's main bathing beach [Point 5 on overlay] is on the east side of the Dnepr River and is a large expanse of white river sand. There are no bushes or undergrowth in the beach area. Bathing facilities include booths in which bathers can change clothes and a rather large check room where they can leave their belongings. There is no charge for using the dressing booths; there is a charge at the check room. There are lunchrooms and refreshment counters beside the main beach, and beer and mineral waters are sold. There are several drinking fountains at the beach.
2. Transportation to the main beach is provided by cutters which leave from a water transportation station (vodnaya stantsiya) [Point 4 on overlay] which is located directly across the Dnepr from the main beach. The fare is 50 kopeks one way and one ruble for the round trip. Tickets are checked as the passengers get on the boat to go to the beach. Since it is assumed that all persons buy round-trip tickets, no one checks tickets on the return trip from beach to city.
3. Inhabitants go to the beach singly, in couples, or with their families; families sometimes bring their own lunches. During good weather, 50,000 to 100,000 persons may be on the beach in a given day. The beach is especially crowded on Sundays. Bathing suits worn on the beach are very much the same as those worn

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on other beaches and come in a variety of colors. Bathing trunks are usual for men. Lifeguards patrol the main beach in boats.

4. The inhabitants try to arrive at the beach early in order to find a good location. At about 1700 hours the beach is still crowded. People begin returning to the other side of the river at 1900 hours or a little earlier. It is between 2000 and 2200 hours, or even later, before everyone has left. Once they are back on the west side of the Dnepr, the inhabitants sometimes visit one of the several outdoor summer restaurants which are located beyond the vodnaya stantsiya at which they arrive. These restaurants, which include the Kukushka and the Zelenyy, remain open until 0400 hours.

Northern Beaches

5. There are also some beaches located to the north, in the Podol section of Kiev. [See Point 1 on overlay for general area of these beaches.] The most common way to reach the northern beaches is by cutter from the central vodnaya stantsiya [Point 3 on overlay].¹ There are several ways to reach this vodnaya stantsiya and the Podol beaches.

- a. Streetcar lines 2 and 4 leave from the railroad station and travel to Ploshchad Bogdana Khmel'nitskogo. About 150 meters before this square is reached, there is a funicular railway which takes passengers down to the Podol section of Kiev. By walking in Podol until Ulitsa Frunze has been crossed and Naberezhnaya Ulitsa is reached, one comes to the vodnaya stantsiya, from which large cutters take passengers to the Podol beaches.
- b. Streetcar line 3 leaves from the railroad station and travels to Podol, [redacted]
- c. Streetcar line 8 goes from the railroad station to Ploshchad Bogdana Khmel'nitskogo via Vladimirskaia Ulitsa and can be used for approaching the central vodnaya stantsiya in the manner described in paragraph "a" above.
- d. Trolley bus line 12 leaves from the railroad station, passes the opera house, and travels along Ulitsa Lenina and the length of the Kreshchatik until it reaches Ploshchad Stalina. A person can get off the trolley bus here and cross Ulitsa Kirova to the park. In the park there is a stairway leading down to Naberezhnaya Ulitsa and the vodnaya stantsiya.
- e. [redacted] trolley bus line 10 follows the same route as line 11 but is not certain.
- f. Streetcar lines 20 and 21 travel from the Kiev citadel, Pecherskaya Lavra, to Podol and points north, via Ulitsa Kirova. [redacted] it is possible to ride on these lines far enough north in Podol to reach a point where one can walk directly to the beaches.

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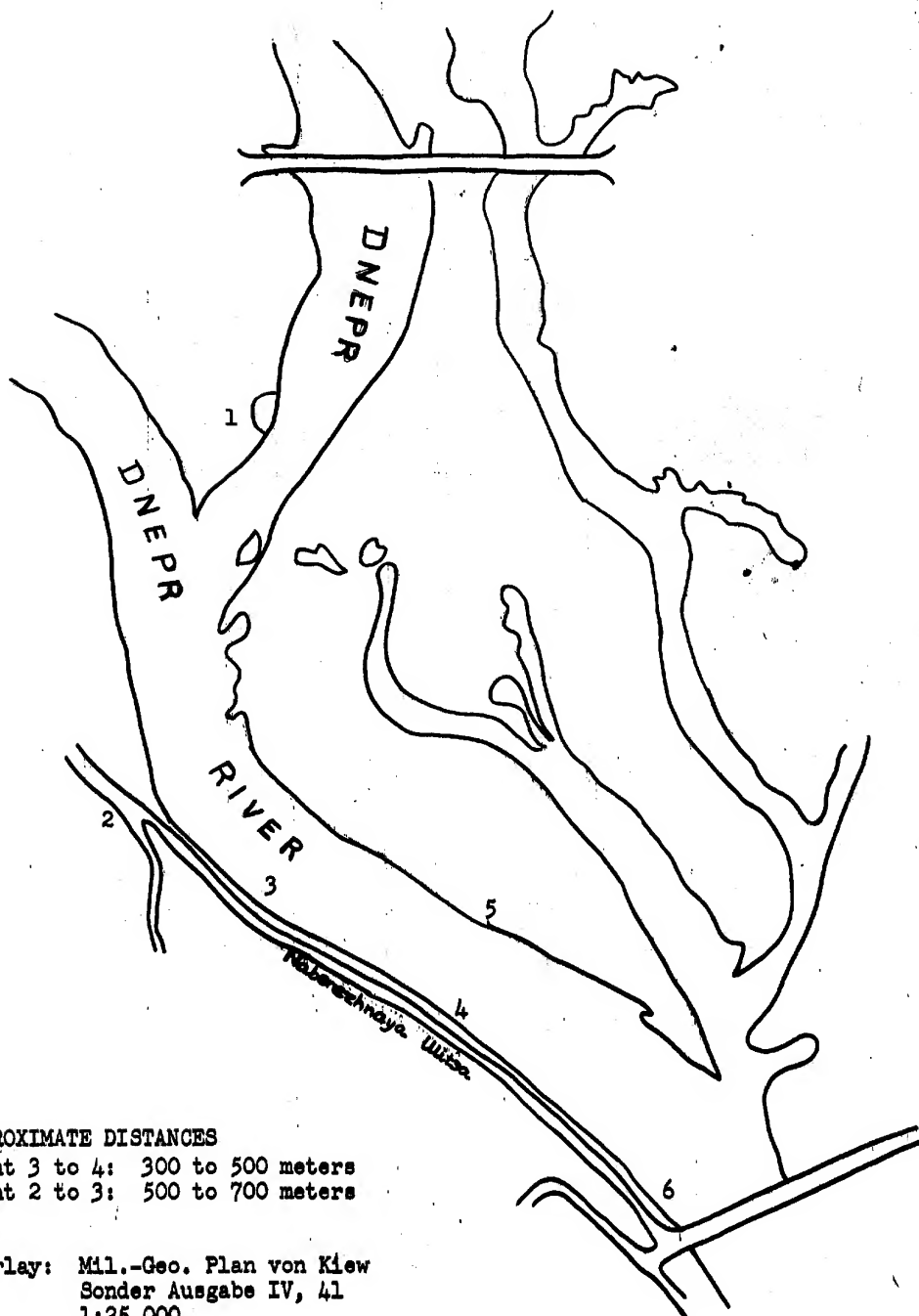
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The Dnepr Beaches at Kiev



APPROXIMATE DISTANCES

Point 3 to 4: 300 to 500 meters
Point 2 to 3: 500 to 700 meters

Overlay: M11.-Geo. Plan von Kiev
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Legend to Overlay of Dnepr Beach Areas

1. Northern bathing beach area. The circle marks the site of the station where boats travelling between here and Point 3 arrive and depart.
2. Funicular railway.
3. Cutter docks. [] installation as the parakhodnaya stantsiya (steamboat station) and as the tsentralnaya vodnaya stantsiya (central water transportation station). Large cutters (katery) having capacities of 100 and 200 persons travel between this point and beaches at Podol /Point 1 on overlay/ and in Slobodka, a village 15 to 20 kilometers south of Kiev. Cutters leave every hour for Slobodka. ([])
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4. Water transportation station (vodnaya stantsiya). Cutters leave from this stantsiya for the trip across the Dnepr to Kiev's main bathing beach /Point 5 on overlay/.
5. Main bathing beach. There is no boat ticket office on this side of the river; passengers merely arrive at and depart from docks located at the point shown.
6. Boat station (lodochnaya stantsiya). Rowboats and small motorboats can be rented here for trips to any destination on the river. The motorboats have drivers who operate the crafts. Small sailboats can be rented here for three or four rubles per hour. Swimming from the boats is permitted. there are also boatmen at the lodochnaya stantsiya who transport passengers to the main bathing beach /Point 5 on overlay/ at a charge of 50 kopeks per person.

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